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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTACK ON AAFLI ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND

BEGIN SUMMARY: JOHNNYBTAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF WCL'S ASIA BRANCH, HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ONE DAVID BOGGETT. LATTER APPARENTLY INVOLVED WITH YOUTH AND LABOR ACTIVISTS IN BANGKOK AND IS SEEKING DISCREDIT AAFLI. END SUMMARY.

1. JUAN C. "JOHNNY" TAN, PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF FREE WORKERS (FFW) AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF WCL'S MANILA-BASED ASIAN BRANCH BATU (BROTHERHOOD OF ASIAN TRADE UNIONISTS), HAS APPROACHED LABATT FOR ASSISTANCE SECURING INFORMATION CONCERNING BRITISH SUBJECT NAMED DAVID BOGGETT. ACCORDING TO TAN, SUBJECT IS NORMALLY HEADQUARTERS IN JAPAN WHERE HE IS CONNECTED WITH A MONTHLY MAGAZINE CALLED "RONIN". CURRENTLY, HOWEVER, BOGGETT IS WORKING WITH ACTIVIST YOUTH AND LABOR GROUPS IN BANGKOK (ADDRESS: C/O THANASAK, APRTMENT 414, 178 SURIWONG ROAD, BANGKOK).

2. DURING RECENT STOP IN BANGKOK, TAN SECURED TEXT OF  
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LETTER FROM BOGGETT ADDRESSED TO THE EDITORS, NACLA,

BOX 226, BERKELEY, CA 94701 AND BOX 57, CATHEDRAL STA., NY 10025. COPIES OF LETTER BEING FORWARDED ADDRESSEES BY AIR POUCH. REFERRING TO AAFLI APPEARANCE ON SCENE, BOGGETT LETTER STATES THAI ACTIVISTS CONCERNED FOR IT WIDELY BELIEVED THAT LATIN AMERICAN VERSION OF AAFLI (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO AIFLD) MATERIALLY AIDED CHILEAN MILITARY IN THEIR COUP AGAINST ALLENDE. BOGGETT ASKS NACLA (ACRONYM NOT IDENTIFIED) OR GROUPS ASSOCIATED WITH NACLA FOR SOME INFORMATION AND CONCRETE DETAILS ON CHILE CONNECTION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE "IN ORDER TO TRANSLATE INTO THAI AND GET IT PUBLISHED HERE". HE COMPLAINS THAT "SOME BOURGEOIS INTELLECTUALS" IN BANGKOK UNIVERSITIES ARE ALREADY SUPPORTING THE AAFLI WORKERS' EDUCATION PROGRAM.

3. INASMUCH AS TAN IS FRIENDLY TO AAFLI, HE WANTED EMBASSY TO BE AWARE OF SITUATION. HE IS ALSO ANXIOUS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BOGGETT FOR LATTER HAS INVITED SOME OF HIS WCL PEOPLE IN BANGKOK TO ATTEND SOME KIND OF YOUTH CONFERENCE IN TOKYO THIS SUMMER. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO SOONEST.

4. LABATT HAS INFORMED AAFLI REGIONAL DIRECTOR GOODWYN OF ABOVE. REQUEST BANGKOK ADVISE LYNN MCDONALD AND DEPT. INFORM PALADINO. GOODWYN BELIEVES THERE MAY BE CONNECTION BETWEEN BOGGETT ACTIVITIES AND APRIL 13 - 14 PRESS STORIES IN BANGKOK ATTEMPTING LINK CIA WITH AFL-CIO'S INTERNATIONAL LABOR WORK.  
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